Sri K. F. PATIL.—The cost is given in the answer. It was purchased from Dindral Dairy Farm.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know the age of the buffalo when it was purchased ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—I have no idea. However, it was certified that it was good for breeding purposes.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—When is was found that it was not at all useful to the Government, did they try to return it to the seller ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—That was not in the sale condition.

Sri D. H. RUDRAPPA.—I do not put my question No. 3789.

Personnel and functions of the State Electricity Board.

Q.—3990. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Chitradurga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the personnel and functions of the State Electricity Board ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

The following are the personnel of the Mysore State Electricity Board :—

1. Sri K. Guru Dutt, I.A.S. (Retd.)—Chairman.
2. The Secretary to Government, Finance Department.
3. The Secretary to Government, Public Works and Electricity Department.
4. Sri J. L. D'Sa, Chief Engineer, Electricity.
5. Sri S. S. Yelamali, President, Karnatak Chamber of Commerce.
6. Sri M. Ramaiah, Messrs. Ramaiah & Sons, Bangalore.
7. Sri P. Sambiah, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore.

The functions of a State Electricity Board are defined in the relevant provisions of the Indian Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. In Mysore, the jurisdiction of the Board does not extend to Hydro-electric Construction Projects like Sharavati, Bhadra and Tungabhadra (Left Bank) and to investigations of new projects.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know what are the advantages of this Electricity Board ? What are the benefits that have accrued to the Government and to the public after the constitution of this Board ?

*Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—There are various advantages. Under the Government of India Electricity Act, we have got to form a Board and we have accordingly formed the Electricity Board.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Because you ought to form the Board under the Act you have formed it. Is that all the reason ? Is there any other advantage ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—On account of various advantages, the Board has been formed.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—What are the powers of supervision exercised by the Government of Mysore over this Board ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The powers exercisable by the Government of Mysore are prescribed under the Act.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ತಾರೇಗೌಡ.—ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಯಾದಮೇಲೆ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳ ಐ.ಪಿ. ಸೆಟ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ನರಬರಾಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಕಡಮೆಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಇಲ್ಲ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ತಾರೇಗೌಡ.—ಹಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಆಹಾರ ಧಾನ್ಯಗಳ ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿ ಕಡಮೆಯೇಕಾಯಿತು ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅದೊಂದು ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಪಾಯಿಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಲ. ಅದೆಂಥ ಪಾಯಿಂಟ್, ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ? It is a matter of detail.

Sri T. TARE GOWDA.—The Government wants us to grow more food. How can we grow food if we do not get facilities ?

Sri T. PARTHASARATHY.—On what basis the members of the Electricity Board are selected ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The basis on which Members have got to be selected is provided in the Act itself.

Sri T. PARTHASARATHY.—What are the qualifications of the Members ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Even some of the qualifications are also fixed under the Electricity Board Act.

* Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

Sri T. PARTHASARATHY.—Except one or two of them, the rest of the Members do not know anything about electricity.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is not provided that they must know everything about electricity.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Is it a fact that before executing any work by the Electricity Board, the amounts should be paid in advance?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That is a matter which is prescribed under the rules and as prescribed, the consumers or those who require electricity will have to satisfy those rules.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Are the same rules applicable even with regard to the works to be executed for the Government?

Sri H. M. CANNABASAPPA.—The Government is for all practical purposes considered as one of the parties using electricity.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that most of the Government works have suffered or delayed on account of this procedure?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is not on account of this procedure. It may be on account of the fact that the Government have not credited the amount.

1-30 P.M.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಏನೇನು ಅಧಿಕಾರವಿದೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಅದು ಆಕ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ರಾತ್ರಿ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಐ. ಪಿ. ಸೆಟ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಕಾಲ ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವಂತೆ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನವರು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಅನುಭವವೇನು?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅವರ ಅನುಭವದಿಂದ ನಿಮಗೇನು ಪ್ರಯೋಜನ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ಹೀಗೆ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ, ರೈತರು ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೋ ಅಥವಾ ನುಮ್ಮನೆ ನೀರು ಹರಿಯುತ್ತದೆಯೋ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅದು ಸರಿಯಾದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಲ್ಲ. ಬೇರೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಕೇಳಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ರಾತ್ರಿ ಹೊತ್ತು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ; ಇವರಿಂದ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವೆ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೂ ಅದಕ್ಕೂ ಸಂಬಂಧವಿಲ್ಲ. No, it is not necessary to reply. Government is not concerned with that. You ask the Board.

(*Sri T. Hanumaiya was persisting in putting the question*).

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member may resume his seat.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Point of order, Sir. I want to know whether the House or the members have the right to question the actions of the Board and if such questions are put, whether Government are bound to answer or not. That is the point. The Hon'ble Speaker was pleased to observe, 'you ask the Board'; if that is the case, there is no need to ask questions.

Mr. SPEAKER.—This Board is an autonomous body. The working of the Board is not the concern of this House. General questions on supervision can be asked. Details cannot be asked.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—I do not agree with the Hon'ble Speaker because the Act provides for some control of Government over the Board and we have a right to put questions even on details. Otherwise. . . .

Mr. SPEAKER.—No.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—I would request the Hon'ble Speaker to show me the provisions under which we have no right. My opinion is that wherever the Government foots the bill, wherever income comes to us, we have all the right to ask for details.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have to say that this Board is an autonomous body. If the Hon'ble Member goes on challenging my ruling, I am very sorry. I can only say one thing. So far as these bodies are concerned, only general questions may be put. So far as the working of autonomous bodies are concerned, that is not the concern of this Government or of this House.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I would like to enlighten this House on the exact provision namely 78-(a) which prescribes the directions to be given by the State Government to the Electricity Board:

(SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA)

"In the discharge of its functions, the Board shall be guided by such directions on questions of policy as may be given to it by the State Government."

And here, Government has a limited control over the functions and duties of the Electricity Board and in exercise of this power, Government from time to time give directions in matters of policy. This question relates to giving power to raiyats. All these things do involve questions of policy and in such matters, Government comes into the picture. Wherever a duty is cast on the Government, I believe this House is competent to put questions on matters pertaining to the directions given. In regard to the implementation of these directions, if the people are feeling any difficulty, I think it is within the competence of this House to put questions about the difficulties that arise out of these directions.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is not the Government responsible for the omission and commission of the Board?

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I will ask a general question, Sir. How is the ways and means position of the State affected by the constitution of the Electricity Board?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—All these things are clearly provided for in the Act. All the assets and liabilities have been given over to the Electricity Board and whenever the Board wants any moneys it is open to the Government to give it in the shape of loans, or even permit them to float loans in order to meet their requirements.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, I have asked a very specific question: To what extent the ways and means position of the State affected by the constitution of the Electricity Board? I know the provisions of the Act. My question is not answered. I want to know how it is affected. As to how the finances of the Act are affected is not provided for in the Act.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The finances of the State are not going to be affected adversely.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—To what extent has the State benefited by the constitution of the Electricity Board?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government gets four and half per cent on the entire investment that we have made so far.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What were we getting before the constitution of the Board and what are we getting now? Are we in a better position?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—So far as the figures are concerned, I will supply the Hon'ble Member the information during the course of the Session.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Is it not a fact that the Electricity Department was working at a loss some three or four years ago when the Board was formed?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—For some time, it was.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know what was the direction given to the Electricity Board in regard to the supply of power to the agricultural operations?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The directions are to the extent power is available during day time, it may be given. If it is available during nights, the offer may be made and it is left to the raiyats to take it or not.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಕೆಂಚಪ್ಪ.—ಸ ಎರೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಸಿಟಿ ಬೋರ್ಡನ್ನು ತಾವು ರಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿದನಂತರ ಅದು ಲಾಭದಾಯಕವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದೆಯೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ನಷ್ಟವಾಗದ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ವಿಧಾಯಕವಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದಷ್ಟು ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ನಷ್ಟವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಲಾಭದಾಯಕವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಕೆಂಚಪ್ಪ.—ಇದನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದುದು ಮೈಸೂರು ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಲಾಭ ಬರಬೇಕೆಂತಲೋ ಅಥವಾ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದೊ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಎರಡಕ್ಕೂ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಹಿಂದೆ ಎರಡು ಮೂರು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ನಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಆಗ development works ಲೆಕ್ಕಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡದ್ದರಿಂದಲ್ಲವೆ ಹಾಗೆ ನಷ್ಟ ಕಂಡುಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದುದು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಲಾಭ ನಷ್ಟಗಳನ್ನು ಲೆಕ್ಕಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಒಟ್ಟು over all investmentನ ಮೇಲೆ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಹಾಕುತ್ತೀವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಈಗ developmentನ ಖರ್ಚುಗಳನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲವೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿಮಾಡುವ ಖರ್ಚುಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ವಹಿಸಿ ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದೆ.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is something funny in this question alone, *viz.*, Q. No. 474.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Please put the question first.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—No, Sir, even in the very question, I am seeing something very funny. Some new clause has been added to my original question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What has happened Sri Arumugham. Please put the question? We are going back instead of going forward. I request you to put the question and then put supplementaries. If there is any fallacy or inconsistency, you say that afterwards.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—I want to bring to the notice of the Speaker...

Mr. SPEAKER.—Do not put the question to me. You put the question first and then show the inconsistency, if any. Unless the House is seized of the question, how can anything about its content arise ?

Action taken against the Prohibition Staff on Charges of Corruption

Q.—474. Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of persons among the prohibition staff who were fined, suspended or dismissed on charges of corruption;

(*b*) the total number of Gazetted Officers, Ministerial staff and menials and the scheduled castes among them as on 1st January 1948 and 31st December 1956 ?

A.—Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Social Welfare, Excise and Prohibition).—

(*a*)—

Fined	...	Nil
Suspended	...	21
Reduced	...	20
Dismissed	...	17
Total	...	58

(*b*) There was no prohibition staff on 1st January 1948. Figures for the period from 1st July 1948 to 31st December 1956 are as follows :—

	Fined	*Suspended*	*Reduced*	*Dismissed*	*Total*
Gazetted Officers	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Non-Gazetted (Executive)	Nil	21	20	17	58
Ministerial	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Menials	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	21	20	17	58
Scheduled Caste persons among them	Nil	3	1	1	5

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now what is the inconsistency ?

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—In question (*b*), the words 'Scheduled Castes' have crept in along with 'Ministerial staff and menials'. I have referred to my file and I find that I never wanted information concerning the Scheduled Castes in respect of this question. It has somehow been incorporated in this question. The Secretariat must have thought that whenever Arumugham puts a question, it would be on Scheduled Castes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—After all, in the reply given there is some additional information. That should not matter. You have the reply for your question.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—This question was put in May 1957 and the answer is being given after seventeen months. Even then, no sooner the